



CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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AGENDA TITLE: Set a Public Hearing on April 1, 2009 to Introduce Ordinance amending Chapter 13.20 "Electrical Service" by adding a new Section 13.20.315 titled Schedule EDR -- Economic Development Rates (EUD)

MEETING DATE: March 18, 2009

PREPARED BY: Electric Utility Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Set a Public Hearing on April 1, 2009 to Introduce Ordinance Amending Chapter 13.20 "Electrical Service" by adding a new Section 13.20.315 titled Schedule EDR (Industrial Development Incentive Discount).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Over the years, many electric utilities have implemented special discounted rate tariffs to encourage economic/industrial development within their service areas.

A report prepared for the Electric Utility Department (EUD) by MBMC, Inc. in late 2006 highlighted a number of California electric utility economic/industrial incentive rates. MBMC found that most electric utilities that offered such rates, targeted high "load factor" industrial and/or manufacturing customers for either business expansion or for relocation to their service areas by offering rate discounts of various amounts and for various periods.

Given the relatively weak financial condition of the electric utility at the time, staff elected not to recommend the establishment of an economic development discount program. Given recent improvements in the electric utility's financials and declining economic conditions for business, however, EUD believes consideration of an economic/industrial development discount rate is now appropriate to further EUD and community goals related to industrial and business development.

As such, EUD is proposing establishment of an Economic Development Rate (EDR) discount to be available to new or expanded industrial businesses for a two year period beginning July 1, 2009. Key elements of the proposed program for industrial customers are as follows:

- Incentives are provided for 36 months to qualified customers;
- Applies to new or expanded industrial load only (i.e. no retail);
- 10 percent base discount;
- Extra 5 percent "job creations" discount (minimum 25 jobs for G2 customers and 50 jobs otherwise);
- Extra 5 percent discount for new or expanded facilities that receive a Silver or higher "Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design" (LEED) designation;
- Extra 5 percent discount for qualified entities that are located within the designated Enterprise Zone;
- No entity may receive a total discount in excess of 20 percent and discounts do not apply to billing surcharges;

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Blair King
Blair King, City Manager

- Minimum load addition of 50 to 200KW depending on rate class;
- 45 percent minimum "load factor"; and
- June 30, 2011 sunset

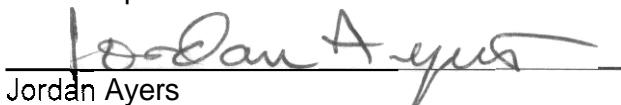
In addition, Schedule EDR proposes two additional discounts – one for new tourism and wine industry businesses and one for new green technology businesses.

- a 10 percent discount to new businesses that are substantially and directly related to tourism and/or the wine industry. Examples of such businesses include those that are marketing Lodi and/or local wine products, hotel including bed and breakfast establishments, and restaurants, gift shops and boutique-type stores within or immediately adjacent to the downtown Lodi shopping district. This provision responds to comments by the Lodi Chamber of Commerce at the City Council's January 13, 2009 Shirtsleeve on this subject.
- a 10 percent discount to new businesses that are substantially and directly involved in the development, marketing, sale, manufacturing and/or installation of green technology products and services. Examples of such businesses include those directly involved in solar, wind, geothermal, biomass, and fuel cell industries. Green Technology Businesses that are otherwise eligible for an EDR Industrial Business discount may elect to apply for that discount in lieu of the Green Technology Business discount.

Once in effect, it is EUD's intent to review the effectiveness of the proposed economic development incentive program during the first 18 months of operation and report the findings to City Council. At that time, Staff may propose (i) extending the program in its original form; (ii) modifying the program to enhance its effectiveness; or (iii) allowing the program to sunset on June 30, 2011.

FISCAL IMPACT: The fiscal impact of Schedule EDR is difficult to project, but the proposed discounts are expected to have a relatively minor impact on the electric utility. On average, the electric utility expected its incremental cost to provide service to qualified new and/or expanded customers.

FUNDING: None required.


Jordan Ayers
Deputy City Manager/Internal Services Director


George F. Morrow
Electric Utility Director

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL
AMENDING CHAPTER 13.20, "ELECTRICAL
SERVICE," by adding a new Section 13.20.315 titled
Schedule EDR Economic Development Rates

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BE IT ORDAINED **BY** THE LODI CITY COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Lodi Municipal Code Section 13.20.210 is hereby amended by adding a new section 13.20.315 titled Schedule EDR to read as follows:

**SCHEDULE EDR
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RATES**

APPLICABILITY:

This rate is available to qualified commercial customers for the purpose of (i) new industrial business attraction or existing industrial facility expansion, (ii) new business attraction directly related to tourism and/or the wine industry and (iii) new business attraction directly related to the green technology sector. Customers must file an application requesting an Economic Development Rate (EDR) discount prior to taking electric service for the qualified new or expanded load.

Industrial Businesses

QUALIFYING CUSTOMERS:

An industrial customer is one who operates facilities that are not involved in the sale of goods and services directly to the public as determined by the Electric Utility Department (EUD).

BASE DISCOUNT:

The Base Discount shall equal ten percent (10%) of the electric bill associated with the qualified new or expanded load. The Base Discount shall not apply to the Solar Surcharge, CEC fee, State Energy Tax or any other assessment or charge levied on electric bills after the effective date of this rate schedule unless specifically provided otherwise. (Note: The EDR is not available for G I customers.)

JOBS CREATION DISCOUNT:

An EDR qualified customer may receive an additional five percent (5%) discount of the electric bill associated with the qualified new or expanded load if they create a minimum of 25 new jobs (G2 customers) or 50 new jobs (G3, G4, G5 and I1 customers). If the new job count associated with qualified new or expanded load falls below this level in any given month, no Jobs Creation Discount shall be applied for that month. The Jobs Creation Discount shall not apply to the Solar Surcharge, CEC fee, State Energy Tax or any other assessment or charge levied on electric bills after the effective date of this rate schedule unless specifically provided otherwise.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY DISCOUNT:

An EDR qualified customer may receive an additional five percent (5%) discount of the electric bill associated with the qualified new or expanded load if the new facilities constructed for the new or expanded load are awarded a Silver or higher "Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design" (LEED) designation. Following receipt of the applicable LEED certification, the additional discount shall become effective for the remainder of the EDR period.

ENTERPRISE ZONE DISCOUNT:

An EDR qualified customer may receive an additional five (5%) discount of the electric bill associated with the qualified new or expanded load if the new or expanded load are located within the boundaries of the City's Enterprise Zone as set forth at the time of customer application.

MAXIMUM DISCOUNT LEVEL:

In no event may a single new or expanded load receive a total discount in excess of twenty percent (20%) of the electric bill associated with the qualified new or expanded load.

MINIMUM LOAD ADDITION:

To qualify for the Economic Development Incentive Discount, the new or expanded load must be sized at or greater than the following:

G2	50 kilowatts KW)
G3	
G4	100 KW
G5	200 KW
I1	200 KW

Customer must provide information satisfactory to EUD regarding the planned size of the new or expanded load. The new or expanded load eligible for an EDR shall be separately metered. If a customer's discounted load level falls below the applicable minimum level in any given month, no discount shall be applied for that month.

LOAD FACTOR:

Customer shall maintain a monthly load factor of at least **45** percent for the load receiving a discount. If the load factor falls below this level in any given month, no discount shall be applied for that month.

SCHEDULE I1 AMENDMENT

On the effective date of this Schedule EDR, the provision of the I1 Rate Schedule providing for a 10% discount in electric rates for twelve months if a customer adds 200 KW or more of electric load, shall be null and void.

Tourism and/or Wine Industry Businesses

QUALIFYING CUSTOMERS:

The EDR shall apply only to those new businesses that are substantially and directly related to tourism and/or the wine industry as determined by EUD. Examples of such businesses include those that are marketing Lodi and/or local wine products, hotel including bed and breakfast establishments, and restaurants, gift shops and boutique-type stores within or immediately adjacent to the downtown Lodi shopping district.

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“Green” Technology Businesses

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General Provisions

LENGTH OF DISCOUNT:

As to any customer, the EDR shall apply for a period of thirty six (36) months

TERM OF EDR SCHEDULE:

This Schedule EDR shall be in effect until June 30, 2011 for new customers. Once a customer is placed on this rate schedule, however, that customer's discount shall be in effect for thirty six (36) months unless terminated earlier as provided in this schedule.

IMPLEMENTATION:

EUD shall be responsible for establishing administrative rules and processes for administering this rate schedule. Customers shall provide information on a timely basis to enable EUD to verify eligibility and to administer the terms of this rate schedule.

SECTION 2. No Mandatory Duty of Care. This ordinance is not intended to and shall not be construed or given effect in a manner which imposes upon the City, or any officer or employee thereof, a mandatory duty of care towards persons or property within the City or outside of the City so as to provide a basis of civil liability for damages, except as otherwise imposed by law.

SECTION 3. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application. To this end, the provisions of this ordinance are severable. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this ordinance irrespective of the invalidity of any particular portion thereof.

SECTION 4. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed insofar as such conflict may exist.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall be published pursuant to law and shall become effective 30 days from the date of passage and adoption.

SECTION 6. This amended Schedule referenced above shall be effective on applicable electric utility billings prepared by the City of Lodi on or after July 1, 2009, or the first date allowable under State law.

Approved this 15th day of April, 2009

LARRY HANSEN
MAYOR

ATTEST:

RANDI JOHL
City Clerk

State of California
County of San Joaquin, ss.

I, Randi Johl, *C i* Clerk of the City of Lodi, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 1801 was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi held April 1, 2009, and was thereafter passed, adopted, and ordered to print at a regular meeting of said Council held April 15, 2009, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hansen, Hitchcock, Katzakian, Mounce, and Mayor Johnson

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

I further certify that Ordinance No. 1801 was approved and signed by the Mayor on the date of its passage and the same has been published pursuant to law.

RANDI JOHL
City Clerk

Approved to Form:

D. STEPHEN SCHWABAUER
City Attorney



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ELECTRIC UTILITY DEPARTMENT

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LODI, CALIFORNIA 95241-1910

ADVERTISING INSTRUCTIONS

SUBJECT

**PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE
AMENDING CHAPTER 13.20, "ELECTRICAL SERVICE," BY ADDING A
NEW SECTION 13.20.315 TITLED, "SCHEDULE EDR - ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT RATES**

PUBLISH DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2009

LEGAL AD

TEAR SHEETS WANTED: One (1) please


SEND AFFIDAVIT AND BILL TO:

RANDI JOHL, CITY CLERK
City of Lodi
P.O. Box 3006
Lodi, CA 95241-1910

DATED: THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2009

ORDERED BY:

RANDI JOHL
CITY CLERK


JENNIFER M. PERRIN, CMC
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

MARIA BECERRA
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK

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**PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE
AMENDING CHAPTER 13.20, "ELECTRICAL SERVICE," BY ADDING A
NEW SECTION 13.20.315 TITLED, "SCHEDULE EDR -
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RATES"**

On Friday, March 20, 2009, in the City of Lodi, San Joaquin County, California, a Notice of Public Hearing to consider introduction of an ordinance amending Chapter 13.20, "Electrical Service," by adding a new Section 13.20.315 titled, "Schedule EDR - Economic Development Rates" (attached and marked as Exhibit A) was posted at the following locations:

Lodi Public Library
Lodi City Clerk's Office
Lodi City Hall Lobby
Lodi Carnegie Forum

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on March 20, 2009, at Lodi, California.

ORDERED BY:

**RANDI JOHL
CITY CLERK**


JENNIFER M. PERRIN, CMC
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

MARIA BECERRA
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK



CITY OF LODI

Carnegie Forum
305 West Pine Street, Lodi

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Date: April 1, 2009

Time: 7:00 p.m.

For information regarding this notice please contact

Randi Johl

City Clerk

Telephone: (209) 333-6702

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Wednesday, April 1, 2009**, at the hour of 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the City Council will conduct a public hearing at the Carnegie Forum, 305 West Pine Street, Lodi, to consider the following matter:

- a) Introduce ordinance amending Chapter 13.20, "Electrical Service," by adding a new Section 13.20.315 titled, "Schedule EDR - Economic Development Rates"

Information regarding this item may be obtained in the Electric Utility Department, 1331 South Ham Lane, Lodi, (209) 333-6762. All interested persons are invited to present their views and comments on this matter. Written statements may be filed with the City Clerk, City Hall, 221 West Pine Street, 2nd Floor, Lodi, 95240, at any time prior to the hearing scheduled herein, and oral statements may be made at said hearing.

If you challenge the subject matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk, 221 West Pine Street, at or prior to the close of the public hearing.

By Order of the Lodi City Council:

Randi Johl
City Clerk

Dated: March 18, 2009

Approved as to form:

D. Stephen Schwabauer
City Attorney